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SUBJECT: KENYAN REPRESENTATION ON EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC) OF
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1. AT IOC VIII ASSEMBLY (NOV. 1973) LDC'S MADE STRONG,
ALTHOUGH NOT VERY SUCCESSFUL PUSH, TO INCREASE THEIR
REPRESENTATION ON THE IOC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. AT THE END

OF THE ASSEMBLY THE FRENCH DELEGATE ANNOUNCED THAT HER COUNTRY WOULD PROPOSE AT THE NEXT ASSEMBLY THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SEATS ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BE INCREASED SO THAT THE LDC REPRESENTATION COULD BE INCREASED. ALTHOUGH NOT STATED PUBLICLY OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (INCLUDING U.S.) GENERALLY AGREED WITH FRANCE'S STATEMENT.

2. THREE OF THE LDC'S ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, INDIA, KENYA AND SENEGAL, DID NOT ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING IN OTTAWA (17-22 JUNE).

3. THE SECRETARY OF THE IOC REPORTED THAT THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT HAD REQUESTED FUNDS FROM THE IOC SO THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVE COULD ATTEND. THE SECRETARY TURNED DOWN THIS REQUEST, POINTING OUT THAT IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEND ITS NATIONAL REP TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL

MEETINGS. USG SUPPORTS THE IOC SECRETARY ON THIS.

4. AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE, THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE NOW HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ON INCREASING THE SIZE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. AS DELEGATE OF FRANCE SAID AT END OF RECENT COUNCIL MEETING, SHE COULD SEE NO NEED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF EMPTY CHAIRS AT COUNCIL MEETING.

5. FYI: US PERMDEL TO UNESCO DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH KENYAN PERMREP (MUKA) WHO HAS WRITTEN TO KENYAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND DR. ODERO, DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES AND APPARENTLY DESIGNATED IOC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, CONCERNING THIS PROBLEM. MUKA AGREES WITH IOC SECRETARIAT AND USG THAT KENYA MUST LIVE UP TO ITS OBLIGATIONS OF FULL PARTICIPATION. MUKA HAS NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY TO ANY OF HIS LETTERS. END FYI.

6. ACTION: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF GOK REPRESENTATION AT NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING, 3-8 MARCH 1975 IN VENICE WITH APPROPRIATE GOK OFFICIALS. EMBASSY SHOULD STATE THAT USG RECOGNIZES THAT LIMITED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NUMBER OF EXPERTS IN OCEANOGRAPHY MAY MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR KENYA TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE. HOWEVER, USG FEELS THAT EACH GOVERNMENT SHOULD FULFILL THE OBLIGATIONS THEY AGREE TO UNDERTAKE, AND SINCE KENYAN DELEGATION TO IOC VIII ASSEMBLY PLAYED AN ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE, USG HAD LOOKED FORWARD TO WORKING AGAIN WITH THE KENYAN REPS AT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON CONVERSATIONS BEING SENT ACTION COA. KISSINGER

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